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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Rear Admiral K. L. Kaup  
Commander Naval Base (Code N34)  
Charleston, South Carolina 29408-6100

RE: Community Relations Plan

Dear Rear Admiral Kaup:

In response to your March 18, 1993, letter transmitting the Charleston Naval Base's Community Relations Plan and the May 18, 1993, Technical Review Committee Meeting in which it was discussed, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides the enclosed comments. If you have any questions, please contact Doyle T. Brittain at (404) 347-3016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "James D. Rutzman for", is written over the typed name of Joseph R. Franzmathes.

Joseph R. Franzmathes  
Director  
Waste Management Division

Enclosure

cc: Todd Daniels, SOUTHDIVNAVFACENGCOM  
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## GENERAL COMMENTS

Occasional workshops to educate the general public as to the technology to be used and the information to be gained during the upcoming phases of the investigation are very helpful. It is a good time for questions and answers and to allay fears.

Occasional informal meetings where the general public has the opportunity to meet people working on various aspects of the investigation and ask questions is equally useful.

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS

### Page 3-1, Section 3.1

Line 3

Delete "(such as landfills)"

Line 7

Delete "military"

Line 8

Revise to read "---is not currently on the NPL. The Department of Defense---"

Line 14

Delete ", for the first time"

Line 15

Revise to read "---IRP must comply with CERCLA, SARA and the NCP."

### Page 3-1, Section 3.2

Last line

Replace "guidelines" with "requirements"

### Page 3-1, Section 3.3

Line 4

Delete the sentence that begins "In addition for conformity---"

Line 7

Change to read "IRP"

Line 7

Delete the prepositional phrase "Since DERA funds---,"

Line 9

Is this statement correct?

Page 3-9

This map concentrates so much information into a space that the information is to a large extent illegible.

Page 4-2, Section 4.4

Line 4

Delete the word "appropriate"

Page 5-1, Section 5.2

Bullet 1

The Technical Review Committee is not a community relations tool.

Page 5-2, Section 5.3

The title of this section is "Two-Way Communication" but the information is all one-way communication. It needs to be changed.

Page 5-3, Section 5.4

"Identify conflict and develop a forum for resolution, if doing so appears to serve a useful purpose for both the Navy and the community." This sounds like a unilateral conflict resolution strategy which does not help community relations. Joint conflict resolution is the preferred option.

Page 6-3, Section f

Last line

Delete the phrase "as warranted by the level of public interest."

Page 6-4, Section g

Second bullet

This needs to be revised to be more sensitive to public concerns and the effectiveness of the Community Relations Plan to deal with those concerns.

Page 6-4, Section h

Second bullet  
A schedule should be included.

Page A-2

House of Representatives  
In which District is the Naval Base located?

Page A-9

The U.S. Geological Survey could make a useful contribution to this committee.

The persons identified on the committee do not include any of the common people most affected by anything that happens at this Base - they should be represented on the committee.

Page A-11

How were these private citizens selected? Are they affiliated with the Base? Do they live close to the Base?

Page B-5

Change:

1. LUST to UST
2. Leaking Underground Storage Tanks to Underground Storage Tanks
3. LUST program to UST program